## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Nobuo ICHIMURA et al.

Title:

**FLEXIBLE HOSE** 

Appl. No.:

10/743,490

Appl. Filing Date:

12/23/2003

Examiner:

James F. Hook

Art Unit:

3754

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
  - a. Previously submitted:

[X]	Please enter and consider the amendment and	or reply previously filed on	_July 14.
	<u>2005_</u> .	•	

[ ]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on			
	considered.			

[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
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[ ] Other \_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

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[] Other.

## Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra Prese	Claims nt	]	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	11	-	20	= 0		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	3	= 0		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
Fir	st presentation	n of a	ny Multiple	Dependen	t Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	S FEI	E TOTAL:	=	\$790.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	1	\$0.00
[ <b>X</b> ]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	_	\$450.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	_	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	_	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	_	\$0.00
	-	\$450.00		
		\$120.00		
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				\$330.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				\$1120.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½	\$0.00		
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			
TOTAL FEE:				\$1120.00

- [ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$1120.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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